

REMARKS

Regarding the Amendments

Claims 2-20 were cancelled by previous preliminary amendment co-filed with the present application. Upon entry of this amendment, claim 1 is amended and new claims 21-37 are added, without prejudice or disclaimer of any previously claimed subject matter. Amendment or cancellation of certain claims should not be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

The amendments to the formulae on pages 4 and 5 and the text of pages 5 and 6 of the specification correct obvious typographical errors. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification as originally filed and, in particular, in the structures on pages 7 and 10-11; and in Examples 1-8 (e.g., compounds E1-3 through E1-6, E2-10a through E2-13, E3-6, E3-7, E5-6, E5-7, E7-6a/b, E7-14a/b, E8-8 and E8-9).

Support for the new and amended claims can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed and, in particular on pages 3-6 (particularly page 4 through page 6, line 7); page 7, line 12 through page 8, line 5; page 8, lines 16-24; page 9, lines 3-6 and 16-26; pages 10-16, in the Examples and in claim 14 as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement

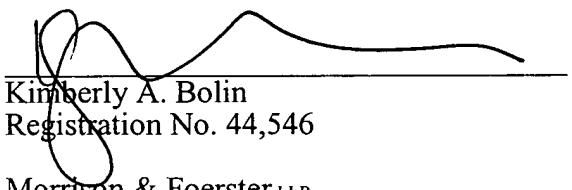
For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 were filed with the Office on November 17, 2003. If the IDS has not been matched with the file, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to obtain a duplicate copy.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, a telephone call to the undersigned will be appreciated.

In the unlikely event that the fee transmittal is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 342312001701.

Respectfully submitted,

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